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CIA Gets Drug Case Extension

The Central Intelligence Agency has asked for and received an extension of the Aug. 15 deadline for delivering secret documents to a House Government operations subcommittee investigating the dropping of drug charges against a former CIA agent.

A staff member of the government Information and Individual Rights Subcommittee said yesterday the CIA appeared to be "cooperating" and the threat of a subpoena to CIA Director William E. Colby would not be used unless it became evident the documnets would not be produced.

The CIA was given an extension until early next week to hand over documents concerning the CIA activities of Puttaporn Khramkhruan, 31, a former CIA operative in Thailand, indicted in 1973 for smuggling about 60 pounds of raw opium into Chicago.

The Justice Department later dropped the charges when the CIA refused to turn over documents which he said would aid his defense. The presiding judge had told federal prosecutors he would dismiss the case unless the documents were produced, the prosecutors said.